It has been agreed that the pipeline proposed to be laid in Iran, Pakistan and India will be constructed as per the international standards incorporating all the safety features as per prescribed standards and specifications. It is envisaged to provide round-the-clock communication and supervisory control system all along the pipeline.

**Subsidy for Kerosene and LPG**

4399. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of subsidy given for kerosene and LPG during the last three years by public sector oil marketing companies; and

(b) the quantum of subsidy given on the same account as budgetary support from the Finance Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The amount of under-recoveries suffered by public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in selling PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG during the last three Financial Years are given below:

Rs./Crore

| Under-Recovery* | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 (Provisional) |
|---|---|---|---|
| PDS Kerosene | 9,480 | 14,384 | 17,883 |
| Domestic LPG | 8,362 | 10,246 | 10,701 |
| Total | 17,842 | 24,630 | 28,584 |

* Gross under-recoveries without considering refinery discount, oil bonds and upstream assistance,

(b) The amount of subsidy provided on PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG from the fiscal budget is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

| | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|---|
| PDS Kerosene | 1146.67 | 1057.22 | 969.67 |
| Domestic LPG | 1783.64 | 1604.77 | 1554.08 |
| TOTAL: | 2930.31 | 2661.99 | 2523.75 |

Additionally, the Government has issued oil bonds worth Rs. 11,500 crore to OMCs for the year 2005-06 as partial compensation in respect of losses/under-recoveries suffered by them in selling PDS kerosene and Domestic LPG. During the financial year 2006-07, the Government issued oil bonds worth Rs.24,121 crore as partial compensation in respect of losses/under-recoveries suffered by OMCs in selling sensitive petroleum products, which included PDS kerosene and Domestic LPG.

**LPG connection in Jharkhand**

4400. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG connections in Jharkhand;

(b) the number of connections given to tribals in Jharkhand;

(c) the details of the number of LPG, petroleum, kerosene connections given in Jharkhand; and

(d) by when all people in Jharkhand, and particularly the tribals will get the gas connections on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As on 1.4.2007, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have provided 10,26,148 LPG connections in Jharkhand.

(b) OMCs have reported that they do not maintain data on tribal families in the country including Jharkhand who have LPG connections.

(c) OMCs have their own distribution network for various petroleum products. As on 1.4.2007, OMCs were operating 140 LPG distributorships, 618